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SUBJ: KING HUSSEIN RETURNS FROM US AND UK VISITS

1. JORDAN PRESS ANNOUNCED KING HUSSEIN RETURNED AMMAN EVENING MAR 30 AFTER OFFICIAL VISIT TO UNITED STATES OF SEVERAL DAYS AND A PRIVATE VISIT TO UK OF FIVE DAYS.

2. PRESS CARRIED FOLLOWING STATEMENT FROM PM RIFAI: "KING HUSSEIN'S VISIT TO BOTH US AND UK WAS EXCEEDINGLY SUCCESSFUL AND USEFUL. HIS MAJESTY CONFERRED WITH PRES. NIXON AND WITH VICE PRES., SECSTATE, SEC DEFENSE, MEMBERS OF SENATE AND HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEES AND OTHER SENIOR USG OFFICIALS. HIS MAJESTY ALSO CONFERRED WITH BRITISH PM, FONMIN AND DEFENSE SEC. IN ALL THESE MEETINGS, HIS MAJESTY EMPHASIZED JORDAN'S ESTABLISHED POLICY WITH REGARD TO MIDEAST CRISIS AND TO THE ISRAELI AGGRESSION AGAINST ARAB TERRITORY. THAT POSITION IS BASED ON NECESSITY OF ISRAEL'S COMPLETE WITHDRAWAL FROM ALL THE OCCUPIED ARAB TERRITORY AND THE RESTORATION OF COMPLETE ARAB SOVEREIGNTY OVER ARAB JERUSALEM AND THE RETURN OF ALL THE LEGITIMATE

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FOR PEACE IN THE AREA. HIS MAJESTY ALSO AFFIRMED THAT IMPLEMENTATION OF UN RESOLUTIONS 242 AND 338 IS THE MINIMUM WHICH JORDAN CAN ACCEPT AS A BASIS FOR ANY PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT."

3. PM CONTINUED: "IN THE FIELD OF BILATERAL RELATIONS BETWEEN US AND JORDAN, USG HAS AGREED TO OFFER AID TO THE JORDAN BUDGET FOR THIS YEAR AND TO PRESENT LOANS AND AID FOR DEVELOPMENT AND 3 YEAR PLAN PROJECTS. THE USG ALSO APPROVED A NEW PROGRAM FOR MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO JORDAN UNDER WHICH IT WILL SUPPLY OUR ARMED FORCES WITH MODERN AND ADVANCED WEAPONS WHOSE ARRIVAL IS EXPECTED IN THE NEAR FUTURE"

4. COMMENT: RADIO ISRAEL MARCH 31 CARRIED REPORT STATING THAT PM RIFAI REVEALED THAT USG AGREED TO PROVIDE \$65 MILLION IN BUDGET SUPPORT THIS YEAR AND TO INCREASE MILITARY ASSISTANCE. THIS REPORT NOT CARRIED IN JORDANIAN PRESS AND WE UNAWARE OF SOURCE OF ISRAELI NEWS ITEM.
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